2011 HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY SURVEY – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What are your rights as a research participant?
You are being asked to take part in a research study. Participation is voluntary. You are free to skip any particular question and have the right to withdraw at any time. A decision not to participate will in no way affect your employment status at UNC Hospitals or UNC-CH. Responding to the survey indicates your consent to participate in the study.

Who is doing the survey?
This study is sponsored by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region, and regional library groups in Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. It is being conducted by researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

How will your privacy be protected?
Your individual responses will be strictly confidential. Only aggregated data will be shared and no individual responses will be identified. Summaries of the results will be made available through conference presentations, publications and on the web at nnlm.gov/mar.

What are the possible risks and benefits from being in the study?
There are no anticipated risks or benefits to you; however, there will be benefits to your hospital library and the library community at large in that knowledge of your information needs to support clinical care will help them better understand how to provide and place information resources.

Does the study have ethics approval?
Yes, this research is reviewed by the appropriate Institutional Review Boards that works to protect your rights and welfare. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Institutional Review Board at (919) 966-3113 or by email to IRB_subjects@unc.edu.

What if you have questions about the study?
If you have any questions about the study or know of others who would like to participate, please do not hesitate to contact the study facilitator for the library, Steve Squires, at 966-0612 or steve_squires@unc.edu.